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REVIEWED BY CJ DATE 8/7/81
PORTIONS DENIED AS INDICATED

1. Department concurs in your decision raise subject of petroleum discussions with Jallud at your meeting today. Suggest your comments be general in nature, carefully avoiding entering into any discussion as to whether increase in posted price would be [redacted] economically justifiable. Similarly, you should avoid any discussion of legalities of method by which prices were posted in the past.

2. Thrust of your comments should, therefore, be that we believe it is not in Libya's interest any more than it is in interest of individual companies that current negotiations break down. We agree you should remind Jallud of RCC's early assurance of intention to abide by agreements with petroleum companies. Essential element of those agreements is willingness both sides to

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negotiate differences. Our impression is that companies have been presented with ultimata accompanied by veiled threats.

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